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### EDUCATION

Ph.D., The University of Tennessee, Economics, August 2009  
Primary Fields: Public Finance, Environmental Economics, International Economics  
Dissertation: *Essays on Property Tax Limitation Mechanisms*  
Advisor: Matthew N. Murray

M.A., The University of Tennessee, Economics, December 2006

B.A., Salisbury University, Economics, May 2004

### PROFESSIONAL CAREER

*Operations Research Analyst*, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Economic and Manpower Analysis Division, August 2009—present

*Adjunct Professor of Economics*, The George Washington University, International Economics (Graduate Students from the Elliot School of International Affairs), Fall 2010 Semester

### OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

*Graduate Research Assistant*, Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER), The University of Tennessee, August 2005—September 2009

*Graduate Teaching Associate*, Department of Economics, The University of Tennessee  
Full responsibility for the design and execution of the following courses:  
*Environmental and Natural Resource Policy*, July 2008  
*Public Finance: Expenditure Analysis*, June 2007  
*Intermediate Microeconomics*, June 2006  
*Principles of Economics*, June 2005

*Graduate Teaching Assistant*, Department of Economics, The University of Tennessee  
Lab Instructor, *Principles of Economics*, August 2004—May 2005

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Behavioral Effects of Taxation, Health Economics, Economics of the Family, Defense Economics, State and Local Tax Policy, Land Use Economics, Distributional Effects of Taxation, Welfare Policy

## TEACHING INTERESTS

Public Finance, Environmental Economics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Principles of Economics, International Economics, Econometrics

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“An Examination of the Choice of Magnitude of Property Tax Relief”

“Targeted Property Tax Relief and the Burden of Taxes by Property Classification”

“The Effect of Property Tax Limits on Local Government Finances: A Within-State Study,” with Brian C. Hill

“Exploring the Relationship Between Progressive State Taxes and Welfare Caseloads,” with Kara D. S. Mitchell

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATION

“Quantifying and Comparing the Value of Non-Timber Forest Products in the Amazon,” with Jill L. Caviglia-Harris, *Ecological Economics* 58(2): 249-267 (June 2006)

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

### ***Academic Publications***

“Impacts of Property Tax Limitations on Education Spending,” with Brian C. Hill, *Proceedings of the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Taxation*, National Tax Association (January 2009)

### ***Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) Publications and Reports***

“The Economic Impact of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville on the State of Tennessee: Academic Year 2006—2007,” with William F. Fox (June 2009)

“The Economic Benefits of the U.S. Department of Energy for the State of Tennessee, FY 2008,” with Matthew N. Murray, Kara D. S. Mitchell, and Carrie McCamey (April 2009)

“The Current Economic Environment: State Revenues,” with Matthew N. Murray et al., *An Economic Report to the Governor of the State of Tennessee* (January 2009)

“The Economic Impact of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville Athletic Department on the State of Tennessee: Academic Year 2006—2007,” with William F. Fox (August 2008)

“Business Attitudes Towards Education in Tennessee,” with Matthew N. Murray and Vickie C. Cunningham (July 2008)

“The Economic Slowdown and State Revenues,” with Matthew N. Murray et al., *Tennessee Business and Economic Outlook: Spring 2008* (May 2008)

- “Long-Term Economic Outlook,” with Matthew N. Murray et al., *An Economic Report to the Governor of the State of Tennessee* (January 2008)
- “Education Crossroads: Opportunity for You, Me, Tennessee, and Society,” with Matthew N. Murray et al., Prepared for the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury (December 2007)
- “Shifting Fortunes: The Long-Term Picture of Income Distribution in the U.S.,” with Matthew N. Murray et al., *An Economic Report to the Governor of the State of Tennessee* (January 2007)
- “Child Care Usage and Needs Among Current and Recent Families First Participants,” with Donald J. Bruce et al., Prepared for the Tennessee Department of Human Services (draft submitted)
- “Strategies for Wage Advancement Among Families First Participants,” with Donald J. Bruce and Brad Kiser, Prepared for the Tennessee Department of Human Services (draft submitted)
- “Outsourcing in State and Local Governments: A Literature Review and a Report on Best Practices,” with LeAnn Luna et al., Prepared for the Nashville-Davidson County Metropolitan Government Offices of Metropolitan Social Services (September 2006)
- “Non-Parent Caretakers of Child-Only Families First Cases: Evidence from Tennessee and Davidson County,” with Donald J. Bruce et al., Prepared for the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County Metropolitan Social Services (May 2006)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- “Examining the Choice of Magnitude of Property Tax Relief,” Western Economic Association’s 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Portland, OR (upcoming June 2010)
- “Economics and the Stock Market: A Presentation for the Talented and Gifted Program,” Sequoyah Elementary School, Knoxville, TN (April 2009)
- “An Examination of the Choice of Magnitude of Property Tax Relief,” National Tax Association’s 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference on Taxation, Philadelphia, PA (November 2008) & The University of Tennessee Greer Seminar Series, Knoxville, TN (December 2008)
- “Are Realized Gains in Property Values Limited by Property Tax Assessment Caps?” University of Tennessee Economics Brown Bag Research Workshop, Knoxville, TN (February 2008)
- “Impacts of Property Tax Limitations on Education Spending,” National Tax Association’s 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Taxation, Columbus, OH (November 2007)
- “Applying a Hybrid Incentive-Based Instrument in a Nonpoint Source Pollution Setting,” University of Tennessee Economics Brown Bag Research Workshop, Knoxville, TN (September 2007)

“Non-Parent Caretakers of Child-Only Families First Cases: Evidence from Tennessee and Davidson County,” National Workforce Association and National Association of County Human Services Administrators Conference, St. Petersburg, FL (December 2006)

“To What Extent Are Progressive Tax Systems Redistributive?” University of Tennessee Economics Brown Bag Research Workshop, Knoxville, TN (November 2006)

“Understanding the Needs of Kinship Caregivers: Evidence of Caretakers from Child-Only TANF Cases,” National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics, Jackson Hole, WY (August 2006)

“Quantifying and Comparing the Value of Non-Timber Forest Products in the Amazon,” University of Tennessee Economics Brown Bag Research Workshop, Knoxville, TN (September 2004)

“The Costs and Benefits of Sustainable Agriculture in the Tropics,” Camp Resources XII, Wilmington, NC (August 2004)

“Characteristics and Tendencies of the Late Nineteenth Century Work Force,” Salisbury University Student Research Conference, Salisbury, MD (April 2004)

“Modeling the Agricultural Sector of Maryland’s Eastern Shore,” Center for Applied Mathematical Studies, Salisbury, MD (April 2003)

“Poverty Thresholds and Household Members,” National Conference for Undergraduate Research, Salt Lake City, UT (March 2003)

“A Neutral Stance on Monetary Policy,” College Fed Challenge Competition (First Place Team), Federal Reserve Bank, Baltimore, MD (November 2002)

## **AWARDS, CERTIFICATES, & OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

*Top Secret Clearance*, Office of the Secretary of Defense (Fall 2009)

*Best Practices in Teaching Certificate*, University of Tennessee Graduate School (Spring 2008)

*Graduate Student Travel Award*, University of Tennessee (Summer 2006 & Fall 2007)

*Summer Research Fellowship*, Salisbury University (Summer 2003)

*Research Assistant*, Salisbury University (Fall 2002)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Economic Association

National Tax Association

National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics